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MARKET ANALYSIS - January 30, 2003

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Corn prices bounced around all week long but ended exactly where we were last week. However, basis continued to strengthen locally. Traders yawned at the neutral sales figures which were released last Friday. It was an okay number but with yearly sales some 2 million behind last year, the export sector looks to be the big bearish item. Early this week most price movement came from spillover pressures from the nearby soybean and wheat pits until news of unexpected moisture in Argentina came and then corn traders had their own fundamental to trade on. The market has just been bouncing around for 2 weeks now and traders are keen to get some tangible news. Most traders believe that a sales number close to 1 million metric tons is what we need to get the market moving upwards. It was of no surprise therefore when traders were disappointed with Thursday's sales numbers that came in at a low 338 thousand metric tons. Prices did fall slightly but were supported slightly by good news in the soybean export market (see below). Considering the way that the soybean market took a big rally hit on Wednesday corn's meager a 3 cent loss should be considered a victory and an overall good week for the corn market. Nearby soybean futures were also unchanged on the week but local basis continues to improve – most regions now have positive basis! Soybean trade numbers last week were largely negative but because a rumor of Chinese sales cancellation turned out to be just that, the negative news was heavily discounted. Negative weather news prompted very active trading mid week in the soybean pit and fund selling took many traders by surprise, sending prices sharply lower on Wednesday. Settlements were 12 cents down for beans, meal was also down, but by far the biggest casualty was in the soybean oil pit. Export numbers came to rescue Thursday pulling prices higher again with the numbers coming in the upper half of trader expectations. In summary, better weather forecasts and lowered demand have prompted a surge in fund selling and the speculators are all still heavily long in the soybean pit. This market is quite unstable at present. Not to be left out, nearby wheat futures ended the week just where they left off last week with some minor improvements in cash basis but a strengthening in the new crop basis. Weather items continued to be noted as supportive with worries of potentially more winter kill last weekend, but the negative export sector keeps things from improving any. Therefore export news remains very scant in wheat with the biggest deal of the day coming from a CCC donation of HRW to Ethiopia. From a bullish perspective, reduced HRS wheat acreage is very possible this year (in favor of soy and barley), which is likely to cut the 03 US crop.

BASIS TABLE

	CORN	BASIS	SOYBE	AN BASIS	WHEAT BASIS		
LOCATION	CASH (Mar03)	NEW(Dec03)	CASH(Mar03)	NEW(Nov03)	CASH(Mar03)	NEW(Jul03)	
Baltimore	n/a	n/a	-\$.02	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Western MD	+\$.64	n/a	+\$.15	n/a	-\$.07	n/a	
Central MD	+\$.50	+\$.06	+\$.10	-\$.25	+\$.15	-\$.19	
Southern MD	+\$.39	+\$.03	+\$.11	-\$.19	-\$.16	-\$.26	
Upper E. Sh	+\$.38	+\$.06	+\$.06	-\$.25	-\$.20	-\$.22	
Lower E. Sh	+\$.50	+\$.13	+\$.14	-\$.15	-\$.17	-\$.20	

WEEKLY CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

This report will resume again in April

Grade and Commodity		#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	01/22	01/29	01/22	01/29	01/22	01/29	01/22	01/29	
Baltimore			5.50	5.60					
Western Md	2.99	2.99	5.72	5.77	3.05	3.05	1.98	1.98	
Central MD	2.81	2.85	5.75	5.72	3.28	3.27	2.00	2.60	
Southern MD	2.70	2.74	5.60	5.73	2.94	2.96		1.45	
Upper E. Sh	2.72	2.73	5.65	5.68	2.94	2.92			
Lower E. Sh	2.81	2.85	5.75	5.76	2.98	2.95			

Soybean Meal	Lower Eas	stern Shore	Dealer's Avera	ge Cash Quotes (\$/ton)	
Date	01/22	01/29	Date	01/22	01/29
48% Soybean Meal	203.00	204.00	44% Soybean Meal	191.00	192.00

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Date	01/22	01/29	01/22	01/29	01/22	01/29	01/22	01/29
Baltimore								
Western Md								
Central MD	2.50	2.46	5.03	5.00	2.91	2.88		
Southern MD	2.40	2.43	4.98	5.06	2.83	2.81	1.45	1.45
Upper E Shore	2.45	2.46	4.98	5.00	2.88	2.85	1.60	1.55
Lower E Shore	2 53	2 53	5 10	5 10	2.90	2.87	1 54	1.50

GRAIN FUTURES - Chicago Board of Trade (cents/bu) -Jan 29, 2003

	Corn		Soybeans		Wheat	Soybea	an Meal ¹ 2.88
Mar	235.50	Mar	561.25	Mar	313.00	Mar	168.70
May	238.25	May	557.25	May	310.00	May	167.60
Jul	241.25	Jul	554.25	Jul	309.50	Jul	166.10
Sept	240.75	Aug	547.25	Sept	312.50	Aug	163.00
Dec	240.50	Sept	534.75	Dec	322.50	Sept	160.10
Mar04	246.00	Nov	524.75			Oct	156.70

¹ \$/ton

HAY AND S	TRAW (\$/cw	t)							
	,	Jan 27, 2003 - 1	124 Loads						
Alfa 125.00-		Mixed 95.00-250.0	00	Timothy 130.00-175		Orchardgra 70.00-205.		Stra 85.00-1	
		e - Jan 28, 2003 -		150.00 175	.00	70.00 203.	00	05.00 1	22.00
Alfal	fa	Timothy		Grass		Straw		Grd Ear C	
2.20-4 Mulo		1.40-4.40 Timothy (lg ro	4)	1.20-4.00 Grass (lg rd)	1	1.30-2.30 Shelled Corn		7.00-8.0 Firewood	
1.30-1		27.00-37.00	1)	20.00-45.00		3.00-3.50 (bg)		75.00-110	.00
SOUTHERN	MD - \$/bale	-	Nevt Co	le Feb 01, 20	003				
POULTRY (Grade A) - W	eek Ending Feb		gotiated Price		s/lbs			
			<u>Current</u>	Week		Month Ago	Year Ago	<u>)</u>	
NY Wtd Avg	. •		56.39	55.9		52.29	52.57		
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a.ı		Base 185 lb Hog	300-449 lbs			#1&3 400-	500 lbs	22.00-26.0	0
astern Corn	belt	45.50-49.13	18.00-28.48						
owa, Minn		44.25-50.49	18.00-27.00	Millsbor	o, DE M	larket Hogs - \$/cwt	- Next S	Sale Feb 04	, 2003
	GS - (\$/cwt) -								
Gumboro, E						PA - Jan 29, 2003		1.	
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	VA - Jan 27,	` '	,	Westminster	· MD -	Jan 27, 2003			
Steers	300-400 lbs	90.00100.00		Steers	, NID -	300- 500	lbs	71.00- 8	36.00
	400-500 lbs	83.00- 92.50				500- 700		70.00- 7	
	500-600 lbs	75.00- 87.00				700- 900	lbs	61.00- 7	73.00
	600-700 lbs	72.00- 77.00				900-1050		65.00- 7	
	700-800 lbs	68.50- 72.00		Heifers		300- 500		68.00- 7	
Heifers	800-900 lbs 300-400 lbs	65.50- 67.00 75.50- 82.00				500- 600 700- 950		69.00- 7 60.00- 6	
11011018	400-500 lbs	76.60- 80.00		Hols Bulls	#1	95- 120		120.00-13	
	500-600 lbs	69.00- 75.50		nois Duns	#2	75 120	100	70.00- 11	
	600-700 lbs	68.00- 73.00	(84- 94	lbs	55.00- 8	30.00
	700-800 lbs	67.50- 69.00		Hols Heifers	#1	90- 110	lbs	350.00-42	20.00
	800-900 lbs	65.00- 68.00			#2	70- 90	lbs	125.00-27	70.00
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